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Carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT)

Transmitted by the European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)\*, \*\*

**Summary** 

**Executive summary:** To note the progress since the last Joint Meeting.

Action to be taken: No action at present.

## Introduction

- 1. At the Autumn Joint Meeting in September 2019 a number of papers were submitted regarding the proposal to amend the text of RID/ADR to allow the carriage of pressure receptacles approved by the Department of Transportation of the United States of America (DOT). These papers were ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/37; informal documents 35, 42, and 44.
- 2. The report of the 2019 Joint Meeting, ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/156 noted:
  - 46. The Joint Meeting welcomed the information from EIGA on the status of the proposed rulemaking procedure in the United States of America on the international carriage of pressure receptacles. The representative of the United States expected that the formal approval procedure could be concluded by mid-2020. The Joint Meeting supported in principle the proposal in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/37

<sup>\*</sup> In accordance with the programme of work of the Inland Transport Committee for 2018-2019, (ECE/TRANS/WP.15/237, annex V, (9.2)).

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as amended in informal document INF.44 and agreed to consider the adoption of the proposal at a further session in the light of advancement of the rule making process in the United States of America.

- 3. As was noted in ECE/TRANS/WP.15/AC.1/2019/156 the formal approval procedure could be concluded in mid-2020.
- 4. EIGA is continuing to work with the United States Department of Transportation and with the Compressed Gas Association on assisting with any questions that may arise.
- 5. If further information becomes available an informal paper shall be submitted to support this paper.